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Air Mail

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Dear Dr. Frankel:

Thank you for your note of January 21. I will certainly keep your fellowship opening in mind during the next few months. A few possible candidates suggest themselves now but I perhaps should think them over a bit longer. In fact, I wonder if I would not do better to communicate these suggestions to Mike White as it would be easier to discuss them with him and he must have a clear idea of your project.

I am, of course, delighted that you have settled on microbial genetics as a field for further development. I am equally pleased to infer the balance between fundamental and applied work which such an appointment would portend.

Let me take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our own travel plans. All the arrangements are now in good order for our trip. Sidney Rubbo is, of course, in charge and will have immediate knowledge of our travel plans. In general, however, we expect to proceed directly to Melbourne the first week of June this summer. While we may make a certain number of forays into the country during our interval there, we are scheduled to spend about a week in Canberra from August 16 to August 23. If we do not see you sooner I hope we can take that occasion for a good visit. We will be visiting some other places following that and leave Australia early in September. These dates are quite tentative but they are the framework on which we are building our present plans. I hope these dates are compatible with the Genetic's meetings that I understand are going to be held in Canberra. If not, could I ask you the favor of pointing this out either to Fenner or to Rubbo? As you can see I really will have very little to do with my own plans, and must rely on the organizational work being done at Melbourne.

Yours sincerely,

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